

White Gift Sunday

White Gift Sunday is planned for December 10th this year. Items that would assist the residents of Baldwin House include hair conditioner, slippers for women and children, journals, hygiene products, and fun foods such as hot chocolate and popcorn. The Agape Centre is always in need of non-perishable food items, such as salmon, meat (ham), coffee, tea, juice and vegetables.

We need the help of our children that day to collect the gifts and to place them under the trees. Please mark your calendar, and come and enjoy this special event.

Classiqu' Arts

Christmas Concert
to be held at
St. John's Presbyterian Church
28 Second St. E.

December 09, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Cost \$25.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Church office.
or online
www.classiqarts.ca

GLOW

The Centennial Choir of Cornwall will present **GLOW!**
A Christmas Concert
@ Aultsville Theatre
Friday, December 8th @ 7:30.

We hope to leave you glowing with memories of all Christmas means.
Tickets are available at the following locations:
Home Hardware, 10 Thirteenth St. E., Cornwall
The Lottery Kiosk 2nd Floor/Cornwall Square
and from the Choir Members

Cost: Adults \$20
Children 12 and under/ \$10

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

November 19, 2017

Pentecost 24

10:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star - Jan Bender
God the Father, Be Our Stay - Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

God calls out: "Come and enter my joy!"

We gather in thankfulness today, as servants of God's blessings.

God calls out, "Come, stay awake and be alert!"

We gather in expectation today, as children of God's light and love.

God calls us, "Come and share in my happiness!"

We gather in faith today to worship our God.

Opening Hymn

Morning has Broken

814

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

(A Community Litany)

O God, on whose promises our hope rests, we remember with praise your deliverance of your people from Egypt. We look forward to your redemption of us, and your whole creation. Glad memory and joyful anticipation mixed are leaven with praise of You today, and forever more. This we pray, as we have learned from your Son our Lord. **Our Father ... (debts)...Amen.**

*Song of the Month

In Christ Alone

(Beige Insert)

Children come forward after the singing of the last verse.

Dedication of the Christmas Shoe Boxes

Welcome a New Member

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by: Phyllis Bateman

Responsive Psalm 123 OT pg. 583

Philippians 3: 1-16 NT pg. 189

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us

Hymn Speak, Lord, in the Stillness 442

Sermon

“The Transcendent Life”

Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Order My Steps - Burleigh/Schrader

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn Christ for the World We Sing 772

Commissioning (Unison)

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling
as the people of God, the body of Christ.

Benediction

Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ

**We are here joined in Christ,
called to serve and adore Him.**

**Give us peace, perfect peace,
patience and hope everlasting.**

**Send us to serve in our Master's name,
and to glorify Him.**

**Joined with Christ, and through Christ,
praise our Father forever.**

Following our worship today, EVERYONE is invited to
the MacLellan Room for a time of fellowship.
Coffee hour is courtesy of Susan MacDonald.

News for the Pews

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Joan Greer Moke who passed away on Tuesday, November 14th. Her funeral was held on Saturday, November 18th at the Memorial Chapel of Lahaie & Sullivan Funeral Home.

Welcome

Today we welcome Corrie Bourgon into our membership.

Christmas in Canada

As part of our Mission and Outreach, the Session has approved that we ask you, the congregation, to contribute money as a Christmas present for our refugee families.

This collection is separate from our commitment to the Presbytery for support of the Syrian refugee project.

We would like the families to have "spending money" to be able to purchase Christmas gifts or other items that Canadians enjoy at this special time of year.

If your heart is calling you to make someone's Christmas a little happier, please donate to our coffee hour freewill offering or through your envelope under "specials", and marking it **“Christmas Present.”** Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

***Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.

A PCC Mission Moment
for November 19th

Universal Children's Day (November 20)

Presbyterian World Service & Development is committed to protecting the rights of children, including the right to food that helps them grow and thrive.

A lack of food threatened the life of one-year-old Kai when violent conflict near their village forced his family to flee their home in South Sudan. After they'd walked for days, Kai was showing signs of severe acute malnutrition. Fortunately, when they arrived at a UN protection camp, the little boy was admitted to a feeding centre that is part of a PWS&D-supported nutrition treatment program with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

After two months Kai was discharged, having grown healthier, stronger and better able to face each day while waiting for peace to be restored in South Sudan.

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Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day

Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123
1st Thessalians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Please pass the Friendship Folder. Thank You !

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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Dale Shaver

Sound Technician

Cameron Forrester

Today's Greeters: Trish Brown, Stuart Gordon

Today's Ushers: Nick Cox, Laurel Adams

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Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
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No guilt in life no fear in death
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